

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 11 to 21, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

A piston 1 is held in a cylinder 2 in a reciprocating manner and connected via a gudgeon pin 3 with a connecting rod (not shown in closer detail) for power transmission to a crankshaft. The piston 1 comprises piston ring region 5 which is adjacent to piston head 4 and comprises grooves 6, 7 and 8 for piston rings, namely compression rings 9, 10 and oil wiping ring 11. A first flow path 12 which is formed by a manifold leads from the groove 7 of the lower compression ring 10 to a first cavity 13 which is formed as an annular space 14 radially adjacent to the piston ring region 5. The annular space 14 is connected with an outlet opening 16 in the piston skirt ~~17~~ 27 by way of at least one second flow path 15 which leads in an oblique manner in the direction of the crank annular chamber and is configured as a manifold (Fig. 2).